

DEFICIENCY APPROPRIATION FOR THE MINT AT
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE
MINT SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR
THE MINT AT PHILADELPHIA.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, D. C., February 26, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the favorable consideration of Congress, copy of a communication from the Director of the Mint, of the 24th instant, submitting estimates of deficiencies in the appropriations for mint of the United States at Philadelphia for the fiscal year 1900, as follows:

For wages of workmen.....	\$100,000
For contingent expenses.....	45,000

Respectfully,

O. L. SPAULDING,
Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF THE MINT,
Washington, February 24, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that in order to continue active coinage operations at the mint at Philadelphia it will be necessary to obtain an appropriation of \$100,000 to supply deficiency in the appropriation of wages of workmen and \$45,000 for contingent expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900. Owing to the great demand on this mint for subsidiary as well as gold coin since July 1, 1899, it has been absolutely necessary to run the mint to its full capacity, and make a great deal of overtime, especially from August 1 to December 31, 1899, when the pay roll for wages of workmen averaged \$35,000 per month, while the appropriation for the entire year for this purpose was \$300,000.

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Of course the largely increased coinage necessitated the purchase of additional supplies.

I have the honor to request that you will obtain from Congress an appropriation for the amounts named as early as practicable.

I transmit herewith copies of letters from superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia upon which the foregoing estimates are based.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. ROBERTS,
Director of the Mint.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

THE MINT AT PHILADELPHIA,
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,
January 31, 1900.

SIR: Replying to your letter of January 30, instructing me to make up and forward my estimate of amounts required for wages and contingent expenses in deficiency appropriation for current fiscal year, I beg to submit the following:

WAGES.

Amount appropriated.....	\$300,000.00	
Amount drawn.....	270,000.00	
Amount available in Washington.....	30,000.00	
Amount on hand here.....	61,665.79	\$91,665.79
Amount required for balance six months, based on December pay rolls:		
January.....	37,000.00	
February.....	33,000.00	
March.....	37,000.00	
April.....	35,600.00	
May.....	37,000.00	
June.....	35,600.00	
		215,200.00

Amount deficiency appropriation required 123,534.21

This is counting closely, and in case much overtime is required would not be sufficient. I advise from \$125,000 to \$130,000.

CONTINGENT.

Amount appropriated.....	\$60,000	
Amount drawn.....	46,036	
Available in Washington.....	\$13,964	
Amount on hand here.....	7,482	21,446
Amount required for the five months unexpired, based upon average expenditures, \$5,500 each.....	27,500	
Coiner's and melter's wastage (this is an item that can not be estimated, it may be less, scarcely more).....	20,000	
Machinery (see superintendent's estimate).....	18,269	
Loss on sweeps.....	2,000	
		67,769

Amount deficiency appropriation required 46,323

As to the amount asked for "machinery to be ordered," it is probably more than we shall require. I should say \$45,000 deficiency contingent appropriation ample.

Very respectfully,

HENRY K. BOYER, *Superintendent.*

The DIRECTOR OF THE MINT,
Washington, D. C.